IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

DE HENAU et al. Atty. Ref.: BJS-2551-172

Serial No. 10/535,629 TC/A.U.: 1637

Filed: May 20, 2005 Examiner: Woolwine

For: DETECTION, IDENTIFICATION AND DIFFERENTIATION
OF FUBACTERIAL TAXA USING A HYBRIDIZATION

ASSAY

March 10, 2008

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir

PETITION TO EXTEND

Petition is hereby made to extend the life of the above-entitled application for three (3) month(s) from the due date of December 11, 2007, of the Official Action dated September 11, 2007.

An extension fee of \$1050.00 is now attached in order that a Request for a continuation application may be filed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any <u>deficiency</u> in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account No. 14-1140**.

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Respectfully submitted,

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